

Advice and Technical Assistance

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The Maine Forest Service/Forest Health and Monitoring (FH&M) Division maintains a diagnostic laboratory staffed with forest entomologists and a plant pathologist. This expertise is available to provide practical information on a wide variety of forest and shade tree problems. Our technical reference library and insect collection enables the staff to accurately identify most causal agents. A stock of information sheets and brochures is available on many of the more common insect and disease problems.

Please contact the Insect and Disease Laboratory in Augusta for information or assistance. Should it be necessary to send or bring in material for diagnosis, this should be accompanied by as much information as possible including: host plant, type of damage (i.e., canker, defoliation, wilting, wood borer, etc.), date, location, site description, and information desired, along with your name, mailing address and day-time telephone number. (We encourage you to utilize the appropriate copy of our report blanks for this purpose). Samples mailed to the laboratory should be accompanied by all necessary information and insects should be in crush-proof containers (such as mailing boxes or tubes). Padded mailing envelopes may be used in the case of disease specimens. Large insects should be limited to six or less and provided with adequate host material for food. Disease samples should be enclosed in plastic bags. Mail containers for prompt shipment to ensure they will arrive at the Augusta laboratory on a weekday.

We can also provide you with a variety of useful publications on topics related to forest insects and diseases. Let us know your interest and we will try to supply you with relevant information.

Field staff can be contacted directly for homeowner assistance in their area of the state.

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